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Attorney General Ashcroft appoints Craig Moore as U.S. Attorney

Attorney General John Ashcroft has named **Craig N. Moore** United States Attorney for the District of Rhode Island. Mr. Moore has been serving as Acting United States Attorney since the resignation of U.S. Attorney Margaret E. Curran on August 22.

The appointment by the Attorney General, which is in lieu of a presidential appointment, takes effect on March 20 and, under federal law, is for four months. The law specifies that, if there is no presidential nomination of a U.S. Attorney before the 120-day term expires, Chief U.S. District Court Judge Ernest C. Torres will then make an appointment that will be in effect until there is a presidential nomination.

A career prosecutor, Mr. Moore was Chief of the Criminal Division in the U.S. Attorney's Office beginning in 1995, became First Assistant U.S. Attorney in 1996, and held that position until becoming Acting U.S. Attorney. He has been with the Rhode Island U.S. Attorney's Office since 1987. Previously, he was an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the District of Columbia for four years. Mr. Moore, who was raised in Rhode Island, has been with the Department of Justice for 21 years.

Mr. Moore received a B.A. degree in government from Georgetown University and graduated from the University of Virginia Law School in 1977.

Judge Torres administered the oath of office to Mr. Moore today.